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MEMORANDUM FOR: C/CI/R&A

SUBJECT: Soviet Intelligence Activities: Exploitation of  
Published Material

1. Since the October-November exchanges on subject between C/CI and C/CA, and between your deputy, [redacted], and me, my special assistant, [redacted], has completed a review and assessment for propaganda exploitation of the published materials being processed by your group, especially by the TPMURILLO team under the direction of [redacted]. I would like to emphasize our appreciation for the enthusiastic cooperation of Messrs. [redacted] and [redacted] in this review and to record an outline of the agreements reached with them in our discussions following the review.

2. An excellent job of outlining and discussing the new (since 1964) Soviet policy of public boasting of the exploits of the RIS has been done in the article in the Spring 1966 edition of STUDIES IN INTELLIGENCE, "New Light on Old Spies, A Review of Recent Soviet Intelligence Revelations." We suggest that first priority be given to clearing this for publication (and bringing it up to date). Although it was classified Confidential, it was based on -- and includes full references to -- published sources.

3. Beyond those items which were discussed and referenced in the above mentioned article, the TPMURILLO product thus far processed and recorded in CD reports does not contain materials directly exploitable for propaganda. We fully appreciate that CI requirements differ often considerably from CA usefulness; in view of your and your Staff's interest in, and understanding for, the propaganda potential inherent in Soviet intelligence activities, I'd like to define here the types of material which we consider most helpful (so that [redacted] and his associates may be looking for these types, especially when receiving new materials):

a. Soviet (and other Communist) publications offer potentially better source material than Western publications: the fact that the Soviets (and other Communists) talk, even

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boast, about their espionage, covert action and other subversive activities can make far greater impact than a Western writer accusing them of such doings. [Needless to say, the writings of knowledgeable defectors, such as DERIABIN, KAZNACHEEV or PENKOVSKY, have also great propaganda value, even if published in the free world.]

b. Revelations about Soviet foreign espionage, covert action and other subversive activities since World War Two, especially since after Stalin's death -- with special emphasis on operations against democratic, including neutral countries -- are our best bet. What the Cheka did before World War Two or what any Communist service did against Nazis and other fascist targets may still make fascinating reading for the expert, but will elicit little interest among general audiences. It may even be counterproductive, because espionage or sabotage against the Nazis will be applauded by many non-Communist audiences (see, for instance, the success of the book "A Man Called Lucy").

4. We propose to use any such material in either of the following three ways (which are not mutually exclusive and may be used simultaneously):

a. Certain Soviet/Communist publications of the above described types may be simply translated -- entirely or in excerpts -- for distribution in the West to demonstrate Soviet boasting of their clandestine operations. We did this some time ago with articles published in KOMSOMOLSKAYA PRAVDA describing an anti-religious operation of the KGB and we intend to do this now with the NEDELYA article on Abel.

b. Publications of that type may also form the basis for analytical articles and books, somewhat along the lines of the article in STUDIES IN INTELLIGENCE, discussed in para 2 above.

c. Evidence of RIS forgeries and falsifications of history would be also very useful proof; that anti-U.S. and anti-CIA "revelations" published in the free world were based on material previously published (or furnished) by the Communists could be very helpful in discrediting those free-world publications or inducing them to be less gullible in the face of Communist "news management."

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5. [ ] showed [ ] also the indices of your Staff's machine records on RLS. A test run on AGAYANTZ yielded only a reference to Deriabin's book but we shall request further machine runs whenever Communist intelligence personalities are "newsworthy" and a promising propaganda target. Moreover, we are sure that your accumulation of these data will prove helpful in SB Division's AEASSAULT program and for other, similar operations.

6. I sincerely hope that the cooperation between our two Staffs, initiated as described above, will continue for mutual benefit and in the interest of our Agency's objectives.

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Chief  
Propaganda Group/CA

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